

# *Annual Report*

*For the Town of*

**BENTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE**



*Year Ending December 31*

# **1961**



TOWN OF BENTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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OF THE TOWN OFFICERS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1961

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**BENTON TOWN OFFICERS—1961**

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**Moderator:** James J. Page

**Town Clerk:** Ruth F. Page

**Selectmen:**

John Boutin, Sr. (Term expires 1962)

Osmon M. Collins (Term expires 1963)

James J. Page (Term expires 1964)

**Treasurer:** Priscilla Boutin

**Tax Collector:** Francis H. Lackie

**Supervisors of the Checklist:**

Ethel A. Boutin      Forrest E. Clark      Lena Collins

**Constable:** William J. Harris

**Highway Agent:** John Boutin, Jr.

**Trustees of Trust Funds:**

William J. Harris (Term expires 1962)

James M. Leonard (Resigned 12/29/61)

Forrest E. Clark (Term expires 1964)

**Auditor:** Ethel A. Boutin

**Sexton:** John G. Elliott, Jr.

**Surveyor of Wood and Lumber:** James J. Page

**Fence Viewers:**

Priscilla Boutin

Iona Boutin

**Overseer of Public Welfare:** Ethel A. Boutin**Health Officer:** John Boutin, Sr.**Civil Defense Director:** Ruth F. Page**Ballot Clerks:**

Iona Boutin

William Harris

**Ballot Inspectors:**

Mildred Elliott

Osmon M. Collins

## TOWN MEETING WARRANT

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You are hereby notified to meet at the Community Building in said Benton on the second Tuesday of March next (the 13th) at 10 o'clock in the forenoon to vote and act upon the following subjects:

**Article 1.** To choose a Town Clerk; one Selectman for three years, John Boutin, Sr. being the outgoing member; one Tax Collector; one Treasurer; one Highway Agent; one Trustee of Trust Funds for three years, William J. Harris being the outgoing member; one Trustee of Trust Funds for one year to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of James M. Leonard; one Auditor; and all other necessary town officers and agents for the ensuing year.

**Article 2.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$93.30 as the Town's share for construction of highways (Town Road Aid).

**Article 3.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17.58 for the White Mountains Region Association.

**Article 4.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25.00 to observe Memorial Day as in past years.

**Article 5.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 to complete the improvement of Mt. View Cemetery.

**Article 6.** To see if the Town will vote to adopt a plan for extending to employees of the Town the benefits of title II of the Federal Social Security Act (Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance) as authorized by Chapter 101 of the Revised Statutes Annotated Amend-

ed by Chapter 302 and 332 of the Laws of 1955 and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60.00 to defray the Town's share of the cost thereof.

**Article 7.** To see if the Town wishes to exclude from the plan (Article 6) services in any class or classes of positions filled by popular election.

**Article 8.** To see if the Town wishes to exclude from the plan (Article 6) services in any class or classes of positions the compensation for which is on a fee basis.

**Article 9.** If a plan for Social Security coverage is adopted, to see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to execute on behalf of the Town the necessary agreement with the State of New Hampshire to carry into effect the plan and to see if the Town will designate the chairman of the Board of Selectmen as the officer to be responsible for the administration of the plan.

**Article 10.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the payment of the Federal minimum wage for hourly labor performed for the Town.

**Article 11.** To see if the Town will vote to make any alterations in the amount of money to be raised and appropriated for the ensuing year as recommended in the budget, and raise and appropriate all sums so determined.

**Article 12.** To hear the reports of officers and agents and pass any vote relating thereto.

**Article 13.** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

**Article 14.** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to administer or sell any real estate acquired through Tax Collector deeds.

**Article 15.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize a

discount on property taxes paid before a date set by the Selectmen and to set the amount of said discount.

**Article 16.** To see if the Town will vote to dispense with the delivery of inventory blanks until April 1st.

**Article 17.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the playing of beano.

Given under our hands and seal this 29th day of January, A.D., 1962.

JOHN BOUTIN, SR.

OSMON M. COLLINS

JAMES J. PAGE

Selectmen of Benton

A True Copy—Attest

JOHN BOUTIN, SR.

OSMON M. COLLINS

JAMES J. PAGE



## BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BENTON

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### Estimates of Revenue for the Year 1962 Compared with Actual Revenue for the Year 1961

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Actual 1961	Estimated 1962
<b>From State of New Hampshire:</b>		
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 78.04	\$ 80.00
Railroad Tax	9.26	
Savings Bank Tax	9.60	10.00
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal		
Forest Lands	380.96	
National Forest Reserve (one-half)	748.91	800.00
Class V Highway Maintenance Allotment	377.19	383.19
<b>From Local Sources Except Taxes:</b>		
Dog Licenses	52.00	60.00
Interest Received on Taxes	46.08	35.00
Income from Trust Funds—1961 (2 years)	245.13	
Rent of Town Truck	1,267.42	1,500.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	932.57	800.00
<b>Cash Surplus</b>		929.90
<b>From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:</b>		
Poll Taxes	82.00	90.00
Yield Taxes	104.28	800.00
<b>Total Revenues from all Sources Except Property Taxes</b>	\$4,333.44	\$5,488.09
Overlay	333.61	173.31
<b>Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes</b>	8,278.28	4,159.48
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>		\$9,820.88

## BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BENTON

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### Estimates of Expenditures for the Year 1962 Compared with Actual Expenditures for the Year 1961

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Actual 1961	Estimated 1962
<b>Current Maintenance Expenses:</b>		
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 479.00	\$ 500.00
Town Officers' Expenses	444.82	450.00
Election and Registration	82.57	325.00
Expenses of Town Buildings	239.64	100.00
Employees' Social Security		60.00
Police Department	15.00	15.00
Fire Department		100.00
Health Department	95.00	5.00
Vital Statistics	3.25	5.00
Town Road Maintenance—Summer	1,164.18	1,000.00
Town Road Maintenance—Winter	728.02	1,000.00
Town Truck Account	1,016.56	1,000.00
Town Road Aid	93.80	93.30
Memorial Day	17.32	25.00
Cemeteries	164.20	150.00
Regional Association	13.00	17.58
<b>Interest</b>		
Tax Anticipation Note	15.00	15.00
Long Term Note	167.85	85.00
Mt. View Cemetery	400.12	100.00
New Equipment	800.00	
Payment on Long Term Note	1,466.67	1,400.00
County Taxes	371.95	375.00
School Taxes	2,329.19	3,000.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>\$10,107.14</u>	<u>\$ 9,820.88</u>

# SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION—1961

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Land and Buildings	\$101,535.00
Electric Plants	
New England Power Co.	\$ 28,750.00
N. H. Electric Coop., Inc.	3,910.00
White Mountain Power Co.	310.00
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	\$ 32,970.00
Horses (9)	550.00
Cows (93)	10,030.00
Neat Stock (5)	325.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	450.00
Road Building and Construction	
Machinery	105,009.00
Portable Mill	2,700.00
Lumber	1,600.00
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TOTAL GROSS VALUATION	\$255,169.00
Less—Veterans' Exemptions	— 4,312.00
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Net Valuation on which	
Tax Rate is Computed	\$250,857.00

**STATEMENT OF TAXES ASSESSED—1961**

Total Town Appropriations	\$	8,088.47
County Tax		371.95
School Tax		3,564.22
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TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$	12,024.64
ESTIMATED REVENUES	—	4,079.97
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	\$	7,944.67
Overlay		333.61
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AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY PROPERTY TAXES	\$	8,278.28
Separate Tax Rates:		
Town Rate	\$1.72	
County Rate	.15	
School Rate	1.43	
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Combined Rate		\$3.30
Net Valuation \$250,857.00 x Tax Rate \$3.30=		
Amount to be Raised \$8,278.28		

**SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY**

Community Building and School	\$	5,000.00
Furniture and Equipment		800.00
Office Building		300.00
Furniture and Equipment		25.00
Town Truck and Snowplow		4,500.00
Town Safe		25.00
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	\$	10,650.00

# Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures, Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1961

Title of Appropriation	Amount	Receipts & Reim- bursements	Total Amount Available	Expendi- tures	Unexpended Balance	Over- draft
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 450.00	\$	\$ 450.00	\$ 479.00	\$	\$ 29.00
Town Officers' Expenses	450.00		450.00	444.82	5.18	
Election and Registration	125.00		125.00	82.57	42.43	
Town Buildings Maintenance	600.00	2.00*	602.00	239.64	362.36	
Police Department	15.00		15.00	15.00		
Fire Department	100.00		100.00		100.00	
Health Department	95.00		95.00	95.00		
Vital Statistics	10.00		10.00	3.25	6.75	
Town Roads Maintenance	2,000.00	.36†	2,000.36	1,892.20	108.16	
Town Truck Account	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,016.56		16.56
Town Road Aid	93.80		93.80	93.80		
Memorial Day	25.00		25.00	17.32		
Cemeteries	150.00		150.00	164.20	7.68	14.20
Regional Association	13.00		13.00	13.00		
Interest	195.00		195.00	182.85	12.15	
Mt. View Cemetery	500.00		500.00	400.12	99.88	
Snowplow	800.00		800.00	800.00		
Long Term Note	1,466.67		1,466.67	1,466.67		
County Tax	371.95		371.95	371.95		
School Tax	3,564.22		3,564.22	2,329.19	1,235.03	
	<u>\$ 12,024.64</u>	<u>\$ 2.36</u>	<u>\$ 12,027.00</u>	<u>\$ 10,107.14</u>	<u>\$ 1,979.62</u>	<u>\$ 59.76</u>
			Overdraft		— 59.76	
			Net Unexpended Balance		\$ 1,919.86	

\* Sale of excess lumber.

† Overpayment

## BALANCE SHEET—DECEMBER 31, 1961

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 ASSETS

Cash		
In Hands of Treasurer	\$5,604.86	
In Hands of Tax Collector	2.83	
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Accounts Due from State		
Porcupine Bounties		14.00
Unredeemed Taxes		
Levies of 1954 through 1958		387.82
Uncollected Taxes		
Levy of 1961	1,110.72	
Levy of 1960	38.04	
Levy of 1959	4.00	
Previous Years	136.89	
State Head Taxes—		
Levy of 1961	110.00	
State Head Taxes—		
Previous Years	15.00	
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TOTAL ASSETS		\$7,424.13

## LIABILITIES

Accounts Due State		
State Head Taxes—1961	\$ 135.00	
Yield Tax—Bond and Debt		
Retirement	39.59	
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School District—	
Balance of Appropriation	3,100.37
Long Term Note—	
Purchase of Town Truck	1,400.00
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$4,674.96
Surplus	2,749.17
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	\$7,424.13

### TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

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Received from 1961 Motor Vehicle Permits	
94 Permits	\$ 932.57
Received from 1961 Dog Licenses	
12 Licenses	33.00
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	\$ 965.57

Vital Statistics	
Marriages	0
Births	3
Deaths	6

Respectfully Submitted,

RUTH F. PAGE  
Town Clerk

# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

## SUMMARY OF PROPERTY, POLL, YIELD, AND STATE HEAD TAX WARRANTS

Taxes Committed to Collector and Uncollected Taxes as of 1/1/61	DEBITS									
	Levy of 1961	Levy of 1960	Levy of 1959	Levy of 1958	Levy of 1957	Levy of 1956	Levy of 1955	Levy of 1954	Levy of 1953	
Property Taxes	\$8,278.28	\$2,392.07	\$ 4.80	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Poll Taxes	98.00	26.00	4.00			2.00				
Yield Taxes	20.51	93.12		35.40	91.40		36.40	6.16	14.73	
State Head Taxes	285.00	70.00	10.00		2.34	5.00				
Interest and costs	.15	35.59								
Penalties	1.00	7.00								
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$8,682.94</b>	<b>\$2,623.78</b>	<b>\$ 18.80</b>	<b>\$ 35.40</b>	<b>\$ 93.74</b>	<b>\$ 7.00</b>	<b>\$ 36.40</b>	<b>\$ 6.16</b>	<b>\$ 14.73</b>	
Remittances to Treasurer	CREDITS									
			\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Property Taxes	\$7,067.14	\$2,356.67	\$							
Property Taxes Abated	35.40	4.80								
Poll Taxes	56.00	26.00								
Poll Taxes Abated	2.00									
Yield Taxes		55.08		35.40	13.80					
State Head Taxes	175.00	70.00								
Interest and Costs	.15	35.59			2.34					
Penalties	1.00	7.00								
Discount Allowed	158.93									
<b>Collected but Not Remitted</b>										
Poll Taxes Abated	2.00									
<b>Uncollected Taxes</b>										
Property Taxes	1,052.21									
Poll Taxes	38.00		4.00		77.60	2.00		6.16	14.73	
Yield Taxes	20.51	38.04				5.00	36.40			
State Head Taxes	110.00	10.00								
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$8,682.94</b>	<b>\$2,623.78</b>	<b>\$ 18.80</b>	<b>\$ 35.40</b>	<b>\$ 93.74</b>	<b>\$ 7.00</b>	<b>\$ 36.40</b>	<b>\$ 6.16</b>	<b>\$ 14.73</b>	



# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF TAX SALE ACCOUNTS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1961

## DEBITS

	1960	Tax Sale on Account of Levies of:			
		1958	1957	1956	1955
Taxes Sold to Town During Current Year	None				
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes 1/1/61		\$ 52.96	\$ 134.43	\$ 54.74	\$ 75.72
					\$ 70.80

## CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer—					
Collected but Not Remitted		\$ .83	\$	\$	\$
Unredeemed Taxes 12/31/61		52.13	134.43	54.74	75.72
TOTAL CREDITS		\$ 52.95	\$ 134.43	\$ 54.74	\$ 75.72
					\$ 70.80

## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

### Detailed Statement of Uncollected and Unredeemed Taxes as of December 31, 1961

#### UNCOLLECTED TAXES

	Property	Poll	Head	Yield
<b>Levy of 1961</b>				
Resident				
Boutin, Albert and Mabel	\$ 41.25	\$ 4.00	\$ 10.00	
Boutin, John and Ethel	111.54	4.00	10.00	
Crowe, George, Josephine and Jane		6.00	15.00	
Elliott, John and Mildred	26.40	4.00	10.00	
Elliott, John and Catherine	46.20	2.00	10.00	
Enderson, Bruce		2.00	5.00	
Harris, William and Seraphine	25.58	2.00	10.00	
Hatch, Vernon and Dorothy		4.00	10.00	
Labounty, Guy and Madeline		4.00	10.00	
Lackie, Francis and Elizabeth	621.39			
Mason, Lloyd and Laura		2.00	10.00	
Noxon, Lester and Laura	33.00	4.00	10.00	
Non-resident				
DeRusha, Kenneth	.82			
Dexter, Russell and Eastman, Catherine	1.65			
Elliott, Robert and Alice	26.40			
Lee, Parker	6.60			
Prue, William	16.50			
Sagendorph, Richard	78.38			
Shaw, James and Helen	16.50			
<b>Levy of 1960</b>				
McKee, John				38.04
<b>Levy of 1959</b>				
Boardman, Maurice		2.00	5.00	
Powers, Frank		2.00	5.00	
<b>Levy of 1957</b>				
Dennis, Dorman				77.60
<b>Levy of 1956</b>				
Crowe, Jane		2.00	5.00	
<b>Levy of 1955</b>				
Boutin, John, Jr.				12.03
Boutin, Joseph, Jr., Joseph N. and John, Jr.				24.37

<b>Levy of 1954</b>			
Boutin, John, Jr. and Albert			6.16
<b>Levy of 1953</b>			
Boutin, Joseph, Albert and John			14.73
	<u>\$1,052.21</u>	<u>\$ 44.00</u>	<u>\$125.00</u>
			<u>\$172.93</u>

**UNREDEEMED TAXES**

	Levy of:				
	1958	1957	1956	1955	1954
Boutin, Joseph, Jr.				\$32.70	
Elliott, Benjamin		\$21.75			
Elliott, John G., Jr.	\$52.13			22.45	\$21.65
Elliott, John G., Sr.		42.37	\$54.74	20.57	49.15
Wheeler, Donald		70.31			
	<u>\$52.13</u>	<u>\$134.43</u>	<u>\$54.74</u>	<u>\$75.72</u>	<u>\$70.80</u>

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS H. LACKIE

Tax Collector

# **TREASURER'S REPORT AND DETAILED SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS**

## **Taxes**

1957 Yield Tax Collected	\$	13.80	
1957 Yield Tax Interest Collected		2.34	
	\$		16.14
1958 Yield Tax Collected			35.40
1959 Property Tax Abated			4.80
1960 Property Tax Collected	\$	2,356.67	
1960 Property Tax Abated		35.40	
1960 Property Tax Interest Collected		26.57	
1960 Cost of Advertising Collected		6.75	
1960 Poll Tax Collected		26.00	
1960 Yield Tax Collected		55.08	
1960 Yield Tax Interest Collected		2.27	
1960 State Head Tax Collected		70.00	
1960 State Head Tax Penalties Collected		7.00	
	\$		2,585.74
1961 Property Tax Collected	\$	7,067.14	
1961 Property Tax Interest Collected		.15	
1961 Poll Tax Collected		56.00	
1961 Poll Tax Abated		2.00	
1961 State Head Tax Collected		175.00	
1961 State Head Tax Penalties Collected		1.00	
	\$		7,301.29

## Motor Vehicle Permits

1961 Permits		932.57
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## Dog Licenses

From Town Clerk	\$	33.00
From Constable		19.00

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52.00

## State of New Hampshire

## Class V Highway Maintenance

Allotment	\$	377.19
Interest and Dividends Tax		78.04
Savings Bank Tax		9.60
Railroad Tax		9.26
Porcupine Bounties		94.00
National Forest Reserve		1,497.82
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal Forest Lands		380.96
Reimbursement a/c Town Road Aid		602.25

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3,049.12

## Town Truck Hire

Town of Benton	\$	479.82
Town of Haverhill		401.80
State of New Hampshire, County Road		148.70
State of New Hampshire, County Bridge		155.10
Franconia Paper Corporation		35.00
John Elliott, Jr.		20.00
John Boutin, Sr.		10.00
Joseph N. Boutin		12.00
James M. Leonard		5.00

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1,267.42

Tax Anticipation Note		
Woodsville National Bank		1,000.00
Trust Funds		
1960 For Highways	\$	58.25
1960 For Cemeteries		62.45
1961 For Highways		59.95
1961 For Cemeteries		64.48
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		245.13
Miscellaneous		
Eastern States Farmers'		
Exchange, Inc.—Overpayment		.36
Anna Ditson, Town Check		
Refunded		16.00
James M. Leonard, Lumber		
Purchased		2.00
Payment Stopped on Outstanding		
Check		19.75
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		38.11
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TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$16,527.72
Balance 1/1/61		3,511.49
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		\$20,039.21
Less: Selectmen's Orders		—14,425.83
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		\$ 5,613.38
Less: Bank Charges		— 8.52
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Balance 12/31/61		\$ 5,604.86

Respectfully submitted,

PRISCILLA BOUTIN  
Treasurer

## DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS—1961

### Town Officers' Salaries

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Forrest E. Clark, trustee	\$ 8.00
James M. Leonard, trustee	8.00
William J. Harris, trustee	8.00
Ethel Boutin, overseer	
of public welfare	\$10.00
auditor 1960-1961	45.00

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	55.00
Priscilla Boutin, treasurer	60.00
Ruth F. Page, town clerk	50.00
Francis H. Lackie, tax collector	60.00
Osmon M. Collins, selectman	49.00
John Boutin, Sr., selectman	61.00
James J. Page, selectman	120.00

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\$ 479.00

### Town Officers' Expenses

Printing town reports	\$ 191.23
Supplies	78.59
Fees, motor vehicle and dog	51.00
Officers' bonds	42.80
Postage and advertising costs	20.93
Meals	10.61
Mileage	10.06
Association dues	9.00
Telephone	8.83
Safe deposit box	8.80
Bank charges	8.52
Registers of Deeds and Probate	4.45

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\$ 444.82

### Election and Registration

Ethel A. Boutin, supervisor	\$ 16.00
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Lena Collins, supervisor	16.00	
Forrest E. Clark, supervisor	16.00	
James J. Page, moderator	8.00	
Ruth F. Page, town clerk	8.00	
John Boutin, Sr., selectman	8.00	
Osmon M. Collins, selectman	8.00	
Edson C. Eastman Co., Inc., supplies	2.57	
	<hr/>	\$ 82.57

**Town Buildings Maintenance**

Community Building		
John Boutin, Sr., fuel	\$ 160.00	
Office Building Repairs		
Labor	\$56.00	
Supplies	23.64	
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		\$ 239.64

**Police Department**

William J. Harris, constable	\$ 15.00
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**Bounties**

108 porcupines	\$ 54.00
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**Health Department**

Cottage Hospital Building Fund	\$ 90.00	
John Boutin, Sr., health officer	5.00	
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**Vital Statistics**

Ruth F. Page, town clerk	\$ 3.25
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**Town Road Aid**

State of New Hampshire, appropriation	\$ 93.80
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## Road work reimbursed by State

Labor \$108.45

Equipment hire 480.02

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 588.47

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 \$ 682.27
**Town Road Maintenance—Summer**

Labor \$ 554.28

Equipment hire 445.29

Gravel 120.75

Bridge planks 31.80

Supplies 12.06

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 \$ 1,164.18
**Town Road Maintenance—Winter**

Labor \$ 381.00

Equipment hire 312.40

Salt 34.62

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 \$ 728.02
**Town Truck Account**

Gas and oil \$ 341.65

Repairs and maintenance 261.80

Insurance 140.28

Labor, payment advanced  
to driver

Haverhill TRA \$140.40

State work on  
County Road 50.54State Work on  
County Bridge 46.95Woodsville School  
District 24.30

Franconia Paper Corporation		10.64	
			272.83
			\$ 1,016.56
<b>Memorial Day</b>			
Flowers	\$	4.00	
Food		13.32	
			\$ 17.32
<b>Cemeteries</b>			
John Elliott, Jr., sexton	\$	162.00	
Scruggs Hardware, supplies		2.20	
			\$ 164.20
<b>Mt. View Cemetery</b>			
Labor	\$	173.00	
Equipment hire		192.50	
Supplies		24.62	
Gravel		10.00	
			\$ 400.12
<b>Regional Association</b>			
White Mountains Region Association			\$ 13.00
<b>Abatelements and Refunds</b>			
1959 Property tax	\$	4.80	
1960 Property tax		35.40	
1961 Poll tax		4.00	
Refund of check, Floyd Davis		16.00	
			\$ 60.20

**Interest**

Woodsville National Bank, tax anticipation note	\$ 15.00	
R. C. Hazelton Co., Inc., snowplow note	24.00	
Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank, long term note	143.85	
	<hr/>	\$ 182.85

**New Equipment**

R. C. Hazelton Co., Inc., snowplow	\$ 800.00
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**Indebtedness**

Payment on tax anticipation note	\$ 1,000.00	
Payment on long term note	1,466.67	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,466.67

**Payments to Other Governmental Divisions**

State Head Taxes	\$ 325.50	
Yield Tax Bond and Debt Retirement	376.97	
County Tax	371.95	
School Tax		
1/2 1960 National Forest Reserve	\$1,173.16	
1/2 1961 National Forest Reserve	748.91	
Appropriation	2,329.19	
	<hr/>	4,251.26
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		\$ 5,325.68
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<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>\$14,434.35</b>

## TRUST FUNDS

### Report of Trustees of Trust Funds for Year Ending December 31, 1961

There are in custody of the Trustees the following Trust Funds bequeathed to the town of Benton. The income shown (184.39) is that received during the year 1961 and the distribution of income is as specified by the donors of the funds. The amount in certain of the funds is somewhat greater than in previous years for the following reason:

As a result of banking difficulties at the time of the 1933 Bank Holiday, the Lisbon Savings Bank and Trust Company was reorganized and the accounts of all depositors were assessed and reduced by twenty-five percent. Under a Plan of Recapitalization of the Lisbon Bank which became effective on July 3, 1961 thirty percent of the amount so assessed was returned to the affected Trust Funds.

Name of Fund	Distribution of Income			
	Amount of Fund	Cemetery	School	Highway
Ira Whitcher	\$ 513.19	\$12.90	\$	\$
Whitcher & Mann	500.00	8.50	2.00	2.00
Whitcher & Mann	1,000.00	15.00	5.00	5.00
Whitcher & Mann	1,750.00		51.25	
Whitcher & Mann	1,750.00			51.25
L. H. Parker	200.00			
J. C. Speed	132.11	3.86		
Whitcher & Kendall	189.69	5.51		
William T. Torsey	45.46	1.32		
Samuel Annis	45.46	1.32		
Jonithan Davis	45.46	1.32		
George H. Clark	190.27	5.52		
Ella Mann	50.00	1.50		
K. L. Howe	50.00	1.50		
D. M. & K. L. Howe	100.00	3.02		
Isabella M. Tyler	50.00	1.50		
Dividend from Bank Account in 1933	5.12	1.71	1.71	1.70
	<u>\$6,616.76</u>	<u>\$64.48</u>	<u>\$59.96</u>	<u>\$59.95</u>

All of the above funds are deposited in savings accounts in the Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Company or invested in Government Bonds which are stored in a safe deposit box at the Lisbon Bank.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM J. HARRIS  
FORREST CLARK

Trustees

## **TOWN AUDITOR'S REPORT**

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I have examined the accounts of the Tax Collector, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Trustees of Trust Funds, Selectmen, and Highway Agent and have found them correctly cast and properly vouched.

ETHEL A. BOUTIN

Auditor

February 1, 1962

## **REPORT TO HEALTH OFFICER TOWN OF BENTON**

**For Year Ending December 31st., 1961**

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Two Well Child Conferences were held in Benton school house. Physical examinations and immunization shots against polio, diphtheria, tetanus, whoopingcough and smallpox were given by the physician. Booster shots were also given to those who were due them.

Routine home visits were made by the state public health nurse to infants, preschools and adults for counseling and assistance in health problems.

My sincere thanks for the cooperation received.

Respectfully submitted,

LORETTA B. RUSSELL, R.N.

Public Health Nurse  
N. H. State Dept. of Health  
Lincoln, N. H.

## MEMORIAL DAY REPORT

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Approximately 125 people attended the annual Memorial Day Dinner held in the Community Building. We wish to thank everyone who assisted in the preparation and serving of the dinner, all those who donated money, and all those who attended the dinner.

### EXPENSES

From Town Appropriation:

F. J. Norris & Co., groceries	\$ 13.32
Chamberlin's Greenhouse, flowers	4.00

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\$ 17.32

Balance of 1960 Donations:

E. B. Mann & Co., ice cream	7.00
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\$ 24.32

### DONATIONS

Donations at dinner table,	
individual amounts unknown	\$ 21.00
Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Gregory, Sr.	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Finn	10.00
Howard Tyler	2.00

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\$ 38.00

The donations were used for the Community Christmas Tree.

Memorial Day Committee

ETHEL A. BOUTIN

LENA COLLINS

MILDRED ELLIOTT

**ANNUAL REPORT**  
*of the*  
**BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
*Year Ending December 31, 1961*

***DISTRICT OFFICERS***

***School Board***

Mrs. Ethel Boutin, Chairman	Term Expires 1962
Mrs. Mildred Elliott	Term Expires 1963
Mr. James Leonard	Term Expires 1964

***Other District Officers***

Mr. James Page	Moderator
Mrs. Lena Collins	Treasurer
Mrs. Iona Boutin	Auditor
Mrs. Ethel Boutin	Clerk
Mr. Forrest Clark	Truant Officer
Mr. Ronald A. Perham	Superintendent of Schools

***Teacher***

Mrs. Romina Boemig, Benton Street School, Grades 1-8

### ***SCHOOL WARRANT***

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Benton, qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the School and Community Building in said District on the thirteenth day of March, 1962, at one o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agents of the District.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see if the District will vote to send the 7th and 8th Grades to Woodsville next year.
9. To see what sum of money the District will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the State Foundation Aid Fund together with other income; the School Board to certify to the Selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the Town.
10. To see if the District will authorize the School Board to make application for, and to receive, in the



name of the District, such advances, grants-in-aid, or other funds for educational purposes as may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the United States Government and/or State Agencies.

11. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

ETHEL BOUTIN

MILDRED ELLIOTT

JAMES LEONARD

School Board

**BUDGET FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BENTON**  
**1962-1963**

	<b>Paid Out</b> <b>1960-61</b>	<b>Budget</b> <b>1961-62</b>	<b>Paid Out</b> <b>to</b> <b>Jan. 1, '62</b>	<b>Proposed</b> <b>Budget</b> <b>1962-1963</b>
<b>Administration</b>				
1. Salaries of Dist. Officers \$	64.50	\$ 66.00	\$ 35.25	\$ 64.50
2. Supt. Salary (Local Share)	56.40	75.00	65.71	85.00
3. Tax for Statewide Supervision	62.00	65.00		65.00
4. Salaries of Other Adm. Personnel	55.30	70.00	69.92	75.00
5. Supplies & Expenses	60.53	65.00	61.67	75.00
<b>Instruction</b>				
6. Teachers' Salaries	3,385.64	3,400.00	1,359.98	3,500.00
7. Books & Other Instr. Aids	86.21	150.00	96.42	200.00
8. Scholars' Supplies	403.46	150.00	85.85	200.00
<b>Operation of School Plant</b>				
11. Salaries of Janitors	410.00	410.00	170.00	410.00
12. Fuel or Heat	60.00	80.00	22.00	80.00
13. Water, Light, Supplies and expenses	98.65	85.00	99.20	100.00
<b>Maintenance of School Plant</b>				
14. Repairs and Replacements	291.61	100.00	38.00	100.00
<b>Auxiliary Activities</b>				
15. Health Supervision	67.24	85.00	14.91	85.00
16. Transportation	218.00	275.00	210.00	1,150.00
17. Tuition	3,228.00	3,500.00	1,336.60	3,815.00
<b>Fixed Charges</b>				
19. Retirement and Soc. Sec.	230.61	240.00	99.76	250.00
20. Insurance, Treas. Bond and Expenses	55.24	55.00	54.24	55.00
<b>Capital Outlay</b>				
23. New Equipment	5.00		2.00	
24. Contingency Fund		100.00		100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,838.39</b>	<b>\$8,971.00</b>	<b>\$3,821.51</b>	<b>\$10,409.50</b>

***SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE 1962-1963***

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1962.

Total amount required to meet School Board's budget as itemized in Column 4 of the Budget Report

\$ 10,409.50

***ESTIMATED INCOME OF DISTRICT***

Balance June 30, 1962	\$ 500.00
Federal Aid: Forest Reserve	700.00
State Aid	3,400.00
Income from Tuitions	500.00
Income from Trust Funds	65.00

We recommend that the District adopt the proposed budget and raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,409.50 for the school year 1962-1963.

ETHEL BOUTIN

MILDRED ELLIOTT

JAMES LEONARD

School Board

***Recommended Motion:***

Moved that the School District raise and appropriate \$10,409.50 and to authorize and direct the School Board to apply against said appropriation such income as is estimated by the School Board, exclusive of State Aid, and upon the determination of the amount of State Aid to be received by the School District during the next fiscal year, to authorize and direct the School Board to apply against such appropriation the sum to be received from State Aid and with the School District Clerk certify to the Selectmen the balance as an assessment to be raised by the Town for school purposes.

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**  
**July 1, 1960 to June 30, 1961**

**Receipts**

Cash on Hand July 1, 1960	\$	75.98	
Federal Aid:			
Forest Reserve		1,173.16	
National Defense Ed. Act		43.20	
State Aid:			
Foundation Aid		4,247.35	
Local Taxation:			
Current Appropriation		1,886.69	
Balance due on previous appropriation		642.50	
Other Sources:			
Elementary Tuitions		800.00	
Trust Funds		58.25	
			\$ 8,927.13

**Payments**

Orders of the School Board	8,838.39	
Cash on Hand June 30, 1961	88.74	
		\$ 8,927.13

**July 1, 1961 to December 31, 1961**

**Receipts**

Cash on Hand July 1, 1961	\$	88.74	
Federal Aid:			
Forest Reserve		748.91	
State Aid:			
Foundation Aid		3,424.06	
Appropriation:			
Current Appropriation		300.00	
Other Receipts:			
Tuitions		525.00	
			\$ 5,086.71

**Payments**

Orders of the School Board	\$	3,821.51	
Cash on Hand December 31, 1961		1,265.20	
			\$ 5,086.71

***BALANCE SHEET******June 30, 1961******Assets***

Cash on Hand June 30, 1961	\$ 88.74	
Accounts Due to District		
From Town	628.48	
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	\$	717.22

***Liabilities***

Excess of Assets Over Liabilities	\$	717.22
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***STATISTICAL TABLE******for 1960-1961***

School	Total Enroll- ment	Total Average Attend- ance	Total Average Absence	Percent of Attend- ance	Average Tardi- ness
Benton St.	23	20.7	.5	97.6	1.1

***Roll of Perfect Attendance***

Priscilla Gregory

Brenda Mason

**ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER*****Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1961***

Cash on Hand July 1, 1960	\$	75.98
Received from Selectmen:		
Current Appropriation	\$1,886.69	
Balance of Previous		
Appropriation	642.50	
Received from State Treasurer:		
State Funds	4,247.35	
Federal Funds, N.D.E.A.	43.20	
Forest Reserve	1,173.16	
Received from Tuitions	800.00	
Received as Income from		
Trust Funds	58.25	
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		8,851.15
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Total Amount Available for		
Fiscal Year	\$	8,927.13
Less School Board Orders Paid		8,838.39
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Balance on Hand June 30, 1961	\$	88.74

LENA COLLINS, Treasurer

**AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE**

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Benton of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1961 and find them correct in all respects.

IONA BOUTIN, Auditor

## ***SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT***

To the School Board and Citizens of Benton School District:

I herewith submit my nineteenth annual report as Superintendent of Schools.

The total enrollment of the Benton Street School in 1960-1961 was 23, the average membership was 21.2 and the percent of attendance 97.6. Three pupils attended on a tuition basis from the school district of Easton and one from Haverhill. There were ten pupils enrolled in other districts; three at Haverhill Academy, one at Plymouth High School, one at Woodsville High School, three at Haverhill Elementary, and two at Warren Elementary School.

At the Benton Street School this year the total enrollment is 23, which includes three tuition pupils from Easton and two tuition pupils from Haverhill. There are three elementary pupils and three high school pupils attending Haverhill, one pupil attending Warren Elementary, one pupil enrolled at Plymouth High School, and two pupils attending Woodsville High School.

With the new elementary school under construction at Woodsville it appears that it will be a good move to send the 7th and 8th grades there next year, on a tuition basis. School conditions are changing everywhere and there are few schools left in New Hampshire where one teacher teaches all eight grades. Teachers are no longer being prepared for this work and it will be very difficult to secure a replacement when Mrs. Boemig leaves. This is Mrs. Boemig's seventh year at Benton and several times she has expressed the thought that she may be unable to return.

This year's budget has been prepared with the possibility of sending Grades 7 and 8 to Woodsville. Your School Board will discuss the details with you at the annual school meeting.

May I repeat what I said in the 1958 report. The typical one-room school today maintains six grades or less. This practice permits the teacher to concen-

trate on lower grade work and at the same time gives the older children a chance to attend village junior high school and make an easier transfer to high school.

Perhaps Woodsville will accept all the Benton children, Grades 1-8. If so, there are advantages to be gained.

By all means contact your School Board members when questions arise about school affairs. Your Board members are only too happy to be of assistance to you.

My personal thanks are extended to the School Board. I trust that each of you finds that service to the school children of Benton is a rewarding experience.

Respectfully submitted,

RONALD A. PERHAM

Superintendent of Schools



**BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**EXPENDITURES 1960-1961**

**Administration**

1. Salaries of District Officers		
Iona Boutin, Auditor	\$	6.00
Ethel Boutin School Board		
and Clerk		23.50
Mildred Elliott, School Board		10.00
Lena Collins, Treasurer		15.00
James Leonard, School Board		10.00
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	\$	64.50
2. Superintendent's Salary		
Treasurer, Supervisory Union #34		56.40
3. Tax for Statewide Supervision		
Treasurer, State of New Hampshire		62.00
4. Salaries of Other Adm. Personnel		
Ethel Boutin, Census		8.00
Forrest Clark, Truant Officer		5.00
Treasurer, Supervisory Union		
#34, Sec.		42.30
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		55.30
5. Supplies and Expenses		
Ethel Boutin, phone calls		4.40
N. H. School Board Association,		
dues		5.00
Treasurer, Supervisory		
Union #34		41.74
Bank Service Charges		6.64
Lena Collins, Postage		2.75
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		60.53

**Instruction**

6. Teachers' Salaries		
Romina Boemig,		
on 1959-60 salary		85.73
Romina Boemig		2,579.91
Director of Internal Revenue		498.00
Treasurer, State of N. H.,		
Soc. Sec.		99.00

N. H. Teachers Retirement	123.00	
		3,385.64
7. Books		
Ginn & Co.	2.24	
Scott, Foresman & Co.	13.51	
American Book Co.	25.91	
Chas. Scribner's Sons	8.19	
Houghton--Mifflin Co.	14.67	
Bobbs Merrill Co.	4.97	
J. L. Hammett Co.	5.48	
Harcourt, Brace & World	11.24	
		86.21
8. Scholars' Supplies		
Peck Co.	11.52	
J. L. Hammett Co.	262.89	
American Education Pub.	28.55	
Lisbon Special School Dist.	1.70	
Franconia School Dist., 2 desks	10.00	
Beckley-Cardy Co., science equipment	88.80	
		403.46
<i>Operation of School Plant</i>		
11. Salaries of Custodian		
Mildred Elliott		410.00
12. Fuel or Heat		
John Boutin, Sr.,		60.00
13. Water, Light, Supplies & Expenses		
N. H. Electric Coop.	72.00	
People's Market	5.04	
Norine Hood	6.65	
Ethel Boutin	1.90	
Scrugg's Hardware	4.56	
Mildred Elliott	8.50	
		98.65
<i>Maintenance of School Plant</i>		
14. Repairs & Replacements		
Morris Olsen, loam	14.00	

Scrugg's Hardware	108.95
Iona Boutin, cleaning school	16.00
Priscilla Boutin, cleaning school	16.00
George Manley, windows	35.00
T. Borden Walker, filling hole	24.00
Stoddard Imp., Co., digging spring	56.86
John Elliott, Sr.	17.00
Woodsville Furniture	3.80

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 291.61

### ***Auxiliary Activities***

15. Health Supervision	
E. B. Mann & Co.	2.13
People's Market	15.11
Dorothy Moulton, school nurse	50.00

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 67.24

16. Transportation	
Warren School District	110.00
Haverhill School District	108.00

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 218.00

17. Tuition	
Warren School District	370.00
Haverhill School District	1,710.00
Woodsville School District	780.00
Plymouth School District	368.00

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 3,228.00

### ***Fixed Charges***

19. Retirement & Soc. Sec.	
Treasurer, Supervisory Union	
#34, Supt. Red.	4.23
Treasurer, State of N. H.,	
Soc. Sec.	59.40
N. H. Teachers Retirement	166.98

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 230.61

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20. Insurance		
N. H. Dept. Public Welfare,		
O.A.S.I.	1.00	
R. T. Bartlett Insurance Agency	54.24	
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*Capital Outlay*

23. New Equipment		
Woodsville Furniture		5.00
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TOTAL		\$ 8,838.39

***SUPERVISORY UNION NO. 34***  
***REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY***

Section 5, Chapter 243, Laws of 1953 of the State of New Hampshire, requires that school district annual reports show the total amount paid to the superintendent.

One-half of the supervisory union expenses is prorated among the several school districts of the union on the basis of adjusted valuation. One-half is prorated on the basis of average daily membership in the schools for the previous school year ending June 30. The Superintendent of Supervisory Union #34, during 1960-1961, received a salary of \$8,250.00 which was made up as follows: \$4,250.00 paid by the State Department of Education from the per capita tax and \$4,000.00 prorated among the several school districts. Allowance of \$1,100.00 for travel within the Union was also prorated as stated above.

The table below shows the proration of salary and travel charged to each school district.

<b><i>District</i></b>	<b><i>Salary</i></b>	<b><i>Travel</i></b>
Benton	\$ 56.40	\$ 15.51
Easton	53.60	14.74
Franconia	481.80	132.49
Landaff	102.60	28.22
Lincoln	1,443.20	396.88
Lisbon Special	1,242.60	341.71
Lisbon Town	326.00	89.65
Lyman	117.60	32.34
Sugar Hill	176.20	48.46
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	\$4,000.00	\$1,100.00

RONALD A. PERHAM

Superintendent of Schools

The State's share, on an equalization basis, will be \$4,750.00 for next year.

# Births Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H. for the Year Ending December 31, 1961

Date of Birth and Name of Child	Sex	Living or Stillborn	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Parents	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
May 28 Nancy Lee Hebert	F	L	Armand A. Hebert	Joan E. Harris	Benton, N. H.	Manchester, N. H.	Woodsville, N. H.
December 15 Penny Sue Boutin	F	L	Albert J. Boutin	Mabel E. Guyette	Benton, N. H.	Woodsville, N. H.	Raymond, N. H.
29 Clifford Edward Boutin	M	L	Joseph N. Boutin	Priscilla T. Paradie	Benton, N. H.	Glencleft, N. H.	Woodsville, N. H.

## Deaths Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H. for the Year Ending December 31, 1961

Date and Name of Deceased	Place of Death	Residence of Deceased	Age	Cause of Death
<b>January</b>				
27 Raymond Foss	Benton, N. H.	Lancaster, N. H.	57	Pulmonary Abscess
<b>February</b>				
17 Eva C. Hayes	Benton, N. H.	W. Lebanon, N. H.	68	Acute Uremia
27 Fannie Adams	Benton, N. H.	Manchester, N. H.	72	Pulmonary Insufficiency
<b>May</b>				
5 Joseph Chmielewski	Benton, N. H.	Manchester, N. H.	51	Pulmonary Tuberculosis
<b>July</b>				
9 Rose F. Crowe	Haverhill, N. H.	Benton, N. H.	80	Carcinoma
<b>November</b>				
29 Lee B. McKean	Franconia, N. H.	Benton, N. H.	75	Coronary Occlusion







## Program of the White Mountains Region Association

The White Mountains Region Association as a voluntary non-profit organization, receives support from the communities of the Region, the state and from individual members so that a program of cooperative promotion and development of northern New Hampshire may be carried on.

The Association publishes and distributes six different folders a year advertising the many advantages of the Region. It receives and carefully answers about 6,000 letters per year from people interested in a vacation in the North Country. The value of this single service cannot be over-emphasized. Recent surveys have shown that the tourists attracted by this mailing service have spent many hundreds of thousands of dollars in the Region. The Association sponsors the annual fall foliage tours, and represents the Region at national travel shows.

Through its board of directors, it is able to speak for the Region's needs at state and national hearings and at important meetings within the Region. It maintains a news release service to local newspapers to help inform the citizens of the North Country of worth-while activities and economic trends.

This winter the Association is running a cooperative ad program with the chambers of commerce in the ski areas to promote skiing in the White Mountains. It cooperates with private promotional groups, local chambers of commerce, and with the state promotional agencies. It promotes the sale of real estate through the mailing of real-estate purchase bulletins to real estate brokers. It conducts labor surveys for groups interested in industrial development, maintains an award program for the 4-H Clubs, and promotes agriculture within the Region.

In uninterrupted service since 1938, it has helped establish the White Mountains Region as a vacation center as fine as any in the world and contributed in many other ways to the economic betterment of all forty-six communities in northern New Hampshire.

JOHN P. WILSON  
Executive Secretary  
5 Middle Street  
Lancaster, N. H.  
Tel: Lancaster 8-2061



